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**Re: Application of Rock Hill Telephone Company, Lancaster Telephone Company, and Fort Mill Telephone Company, all d/b/a Comporium Communications, for Approval of Alternative Regulation Plan Pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576
Docket No. 2005-203-C**

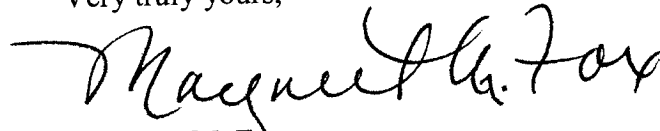
Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter please find an original and ten (10) copies of the attached Proposed Order Approving Alternative Regulation Plan. By copy of this letter and certificate of service, all parties of record are receiving via U. S. mail a copy of the Proposed Order.

Please clock in a copy of this filing and return it to us via our courier.

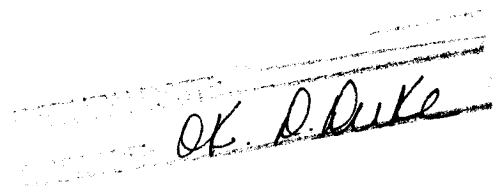
Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


Margaret M. Fox

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Approval of Alternative Regulation Plan)
Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576.)
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**ORDER APPROVING
ALTERNATIVE
REGULATION PLAN**

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) upon the request of Rock Hill Telephone Company (“Rock Hill”), Lancaster Telephone Company (“Lancaster”), and Fort Mill Telephone Company, Inc. (“Fort Mill”), all d/b/a Comporium Communications and collectively referred to herein as the “Comporium Companies,” for approval of an Alternative Regulation Plan (the “Plan”), pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576.

S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A) provides in part:

Any LEC may elect to have rates, terms, and conditions determined pursuant to the plan described in subsection (B), if the commission: (1) has approved a local interconnection agreement in which the LEC is a participant with an entity determined by the commission not to be affiliated with the LEC, (2) determines that another provider’s service competes with the LEC’s basic local exchange telephone service, or (3) determines that at least two wireless providers have coverage generally available in the LEC’s service area and that the providers are not affiliates of the LEC.

On July 1, 2005, the Comporium Companies filed an Alternative Regulation Plan. Accompanying the Plan were the Affidavits of Matthew L. Dosch and Robert Thomas Joslin, with attachments as described below.

The Plan was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576. Rock Hill, Lancaster, and Fort Mill are under common ownership and management and, therefore, jointly submitted the Plan. According to the Plan, there are at least two wireless providers with coverage generally available in the service areas of the Comporium Companies that are not affiliated with any of the companies, and the Comporium Companies therefore elect to have the rates, terms, and conditions of their services determined pursuant to the Plan, which they contend conforms with the plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B). Specifically, the Comporium Companies state that each of the following wireless carriers, none of which is affiliated with the Comporium Companies, has wireless coverage generally available in the Comporium Companies' service areas: ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL"), Nextel South Corp. ("Nextel"), Sprint Spectrum, LP, d/b/a Sprint PCS ("Sprint PCS"), Triton PCS Operating Co., LLC, d/b/a SunCom ("SunCom"), and Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon").

Along with the proposed Plan, the Comporium Companies filed the Affidavit of Matthew L. Dosch, Vice President of External Affairs for Rock Hill, Fort Mill, and Lancaster. Mr. Dosch stated under oath that there are a number of wireless providers that have coverage generally available in the Comporium Companies' service area, including ALLTEL, Nextel, Sprint PCS, SunCom, and Verizon, and that none of these wireless service providers is affiliated with any of the Comporium Companies, including Rock Hill, Lancaster, or Fort Mill. Attached to Mr. Dosch's Affidavit were wireless coverage maps obtained from each of these wireless service providers demonstrating general coverage throughout the Comporium Companies' service areas.

In addition to Mr. Dosch's Affidavit, the Comporium Companies filed the Affidavit of Robert Thomas Joslin, president and a founding partner of EnVision Wireless, Inc., an RF engineering company that specializes in network design, network optimization and drive testing

of wireless communication networks. Mr. Joslin presented and explained the methodology and results of drive tests he personally conducted for two of the wireless service providers – ALLTEL and Verizon. According to Mr. Joslin’s sworn statement, and as shown on the maps attached to his Affidavit, the results of the drive tests also demonstrate that ALLTEL and Verizon have generally available coverage and a good quality of service throughout the Comporium Companies’ service areas.

Notice of the filing of the Plan was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area. The Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) is a party to this matter pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10(B). On July 29, 2005, ORS filed a letter with the Commission stating that ORS had reviewed the notification and supporting documentation provided by the Comporium Companies, and that the filing indicates that the Comporium Companies meet the criteria set out in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576 for entry into the Alternative Regulation Plan described in the statute. The letter concluded by stating that ORS found no evidence to contradict the statements of Mr. Robert Joslin on behalf of the Comporium Companies that ALLTEL and Verizon have wireless coverage generally available in the Comporium Companies’ service areas, and that ORS has no basis to oppose the filing. RedSquare Corporation filed a petition to intervene in the docket.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

1. This Commission has the authority and the obligation, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A), in the absence of an approved local interconnection agreement, to make a determination as to whether the Comporium Companies meet the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A)(3) so as to entitle the Comporium Companies to elect alternative regulation under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576.

2. This Commission also has the authority and obligation to review the Plan submitted by the Comporium Companies to ensure that it conforms to the requirements of the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B).

3. The Comporium Companies have furnished the necessary information for the Commission to make a determination regarding whether the Comporium Companies meet the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A)(3) so as to entitle the Comporium Companies to elect alternative regulation under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576. No one has expressed opposition to the Plan submitted by the Comporium Companies.

4. We find, based on the evidence submitted by the Comporium Companies in the form of the sworn Affidavits of Matthew L. Dosch and Robert Thomas Joslin and accompanying exhibits, that at least two wireless providers have coverage generally available in the Comporium Companies' service areas and that the providers are not affiliates of any of the LECs. Thus, we find that Rock Hill, Lancaster, and Fort Mill, all d/b/a Comporium Communications, have met the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A)(3).

5. The Comporium Companies have met the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A) and, therefore, may elect to have rates, terms, and conditions determined pursuant to an alternative regulation plan as described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B).

6. We have reviewed the Plan jointly proposed by the Comporium Companies, and find that it conforms to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B).

7. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B)(1), the Plan "becomes effective on the date specified by the electing LEC, but in no event sooner than thirty days after the notice is filed with the commission." The Comporium Companies specified that the effective date of the Plan is August 1, 2005.

8. A copy of the Plan is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Alternative Regulation Plan filed by Rock Hill Telephone Company, Lancaster Telephone Company, and Fort Mill Telephone Company, all d/b/a Comporium Communications, and attached hereto, is effective as of August 1, 2005.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk/Administrator

(SEAL)

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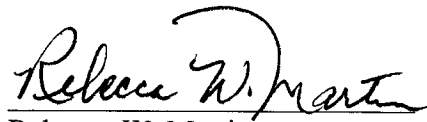
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**CERTIFICATE
OF SERVICE**

I, Rebecca W. Martin, Secretary for McNair Law Firm, P. A., do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the Proposed Order Approving Alternative Regulation Plan in the above-referenced matter on the following parties of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below.

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